

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Please replace original claims 1-19 with the following rewritten claims.

20. (New) A coupling for a spiral wire flexible hose, wherein the coupling comprises:

a ring clamp configured as a clamping jaw and including at least two partial shells enclosing a sleeve of the spiral wire flexible hose, wherein the ring clamp has an inner contour having a spiral to receive a spiral wire flexible hose in a positive locking engagement, wherein the hose is adapted to receive a spout therein, wherein the spiral extends up to a protrusion situated at the end of the ring clamp, whereby the spout is clamped such that the spout is axially immovable.

21. (New) The coupling according to claim 20, wherein the clamping lever that is attached to the free circumferential end of one of the partial shells via a bolt, and may be connected via a recoil spring to the other free circumferential end of the corresponding partial shell to create non-positive locking engagement between the steel wound sleeve and the ring clamp.

22. (New) The coupling according to claim 20, wherein the ring clamp is injection molded from plastic.

23. (New) The coupling according to claim 22, wherein the ring clamp is designed as a unitary piece.

24. (New) The coupling according to claim 20, wherein the spiral is constructed from plastic.

25. (New) The coupling according to claim 24, wherein the plastic is electrically conductive.

26. (New) The coupling according to claim 20, wherein the spiral has an essentially rectangular cross-section.

27. (New) The coupling according to claim 25, wherein the spiral includes a centrally located ridge-like protrusion situated on an inner surface thereof.

28. (New) The coupling according to claim 20, wherein the inner contour of the partial shells has concentric ridges.

29. (New) The coupling according to claim 20, wherein the inner contour of the partial shells has interspaced ridges.

30. (New) The coupling according to claim 20, wherein the inner contour of the partial shells has a plurality of peg-like projections.

31. (New) The coupling according to claim 30, wherein one of the ridges and the projections have a triangular cross-section.

32. (New) The coupling according to claim 20, wherein the spout has a flange configured as an annular flange and the partial shells have an annular groove inside the clamping jaw provided to accommodate the annular flange.

33. (New) The coupling according to claim 20, wherein the spout has an annular groove wherein a seal is situated in the area over which the sleeve end of the spiral wire flexible hose is situated.

34. (New) The coupling according to claim 33, wherein the seal is an O-ring cord.

35. (New) The coupling according to claim 21, wherein the clamping lever is constructed of stainless steel.

36. (New) The coupling according to claim 21, wherein the recoil spring is articulated on a pin arranged parallel to the bolt, wherein at least one of the bolt, the pin, and the recoil spring are constructed of rustproof steel.

37. (New) The coupling according to claim 29, wherein the ridges have a triangular cross-section.

38. (New) The coupling according to claim 28, wherein the ridges have a triangular cross-section.